

VAUX. 1655.  
*Speculum anni a parte virginis, 1655.*

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A New Almanack for the Year  
 of the Worlds Redemption, 1655.  
 Being the third from the Bissextile or  
 Leap-year.

Calculated and principally referred to  
 the Latitude and Meridian of the City of Dur-  
 ham, and may serve without any grosse error  
 for the whole Isle of great BRITAIN.

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The 35. Edition.

*Ex Annalibus Annis.*

*First anni anni principium est alterius.*  
 A 37<sup>th</sup> old year ends the new begins,  
 Begin new lives, shake off old sins.  
*Saturnus periit, perierunt et sua iura:*  
 sub Iove nunc mundus, iusta sequeat Jovis.  
*Saturnus is dead, his laws are all decal'd,*  
*Iove rules the world; now Iove must be obey'd.*  
*Uteriora mirari, praeceps sequi*  
*sapienties decet. Tacitus,*

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The Common Notes, and moveable  
Feasts, for this present year, 1655. according  
both to the English and Reformed account.

The Julian, Sosigenian, or  
English Account.

The Golden Number	3
The Cycle of the Sun	12
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The Julian, Gregorian, or  
Romane Account.

Aureus Numerus	3
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Shrovetuesday, Feb. 2	Quinquagesima	Mar. 4
Caster day, April 15	Dominica Paschatis, Apr. 25	
Ascension day, May 24	Ascensio Domini	June 3
Whitsunday, June 3	Pentecoste	June 13
Trinity Sund. June 20	Festus Trinitatis	June 20
Whit Sund. Decem 2 Adventus Dom. Decemb. 12	Adventus Dom. Decemb. 12	

from the Nativity of Christ to Shrovetuesday, hebd & dier. inter Nat. Dom. is 8. weeks 6. dayes. & Esto mihi. hebd. 10. dier. 2.

3 weeks | Betwixt Whitsunday | 1 weeke,  
0 dayes | and Midsummer | 4 dayes.

24 weeks | Betwixt Whitsund. & Ad- | 22 weeks,  
vent called Interv. major.

Veneris ingens fidus cum antegreditur Salam φασφορὸς  
Grace, Lucifer Latine dicitur, Cum subsequitur & ab occasu  
refulgit, vesper, vespertino & icasio appellatur.

This bright shining Planet is Oriental, or our morning Star, this present year, untill the 4 day of February, 1655. But from thence he is Occidental, or our Evening Star untill the 19. day of November, at which time he beginneth to be Oriental, and so continueth untill the first day of September, 1656.

The Regiment which is usually given to the twelve signes of the Zodiaque over the Body of Man.

V Head and face.

☿ Neck and throat.  
☽ Breast, stomack, and ribs.  
☿ Bowels and belly.  
☿ Secret members.  
☿ Knees.

II. Armes and shoulders.  
☿ Heart and backe.  
☽ Ribs and loynies  
☽ Thighes.  
☽ Legs.



X The Foot.

But can he stand that is thus ill bestead?  
Fish under foot, and Ram fixt on his head;  
With all the rest that elsewhere have a part,  
And chiefly Leo regular at heart.  
Perhaps 'tis false, then thus resolve the doubt,  
They'r slippery girles make Aries Part look out.

To the Buyers yearly of Almanacks and  
Prognostications.

*Prefatio, Sive admonitio pia & utilis.*

**T**HOU whose short span of life, as plain appears,  
Hangs but upon the wast of some few years :  
Which that Arithmetician best of men  
Cait but in his account threescore and ten.  
How soon they will determine, dig thy grave,  
Thou may'st observe, thou seest what wings they have,  
How with no sound they wheel their time about,  
Eating wth silence lives and leases out :  
As here's a date but yesterday renu'd,  
No longer sinnes yet durst not yet conclude,  
In which the Diary of little cost,  
Is now run out, and that small value lost  
Wherewith twak purchas'd : If thou not extend  
Thy thoughts, to make it thus far forth thy friend,  
That every year thy Almanack thou buyest,  
Th' art one year nearer to the year thou dye'st :  
And from that incitation so prepares  
Thy life, that dealeth not with thee unawares.  
One year thus to another yielding room,  
Have fill'd up many a Sepulcher and Tomb,  
Fretted out Brasse wth age, Marble wth rust,  
Converted Generations into dust.  
From which collect, though here so young thou be,  
This may be Doomes-dayes small year with thee ;  
And from that moeve such a method borrow,  
As thou should'st live an Age, or dye to morrow.

# January hath xxxj. dayes.

First quarter the 5 day, 6 min. past 2 in the afternoon.  
 Full moon the 22 day, 33 min. past 5 in the morning.  
 Last quarter the 29 day, 56 min. past 8 in the morning.  
 New moon the 27 day, 39 min. past 1 in the afternoon.

1	a	New yea. d.	8.21	1.39	fees	Calend.
2	b	Oct. Stephen	8.19	3.41	fees	4 No.
3	c	Oct. John	8.18	3.43	feet	3 no.
4	d	Oct. Ianoc.	8.17	3.43	head and	Pridie
5	e	Stmeon	8.15	3.45	face	Nenaz.
6	g	Twelf day.	8.14	3.46	neck and	8 Id.
7	G	Sun.af. Ep.	8.13	3.48	throat	7 Id.
8	a	Lucian.	8.10	3.50	armes and	6 Id.
9	b	Sol in Aqu.	8. 8	3.52	shoulders	5 Id.
10	c	Paul. Mer.	8. 6	3.54	breast and	4 Id.
11	d	Linus	8. 5	3.55	stomack	3 Id.
12	g	Decade m.	8. 3	3.57	beare and	Pridie
13	f	Halilary bish.	8. 2	3.59	back	Idus
14	G	Sun.af. Ep.	8. 0	4. 0	bowels	19 Cal.
15	a	Maur. Ab.	7.58	4. 2	belly	18 cal.
16	b	Marcellus	7.57	4. 3	reins	17 cal.
17	c	Anthony.	7.55	4. 5	reins and	16 cal.
18	d	Optica	7.53	4. 7	loines	15 cal.
19	e	Wolstan.	7.51	4. 9	secretes	14 cal.
20	f	Oct. Hilla	7.49	4.11	bladder	13 cal.
21	G	3 Sun.af. Ep.	7.47	4.13	thighes	12 cal.
22	a	Wlncent.	7.45	4.15	thighes	11 cal.
23	b	Term'begin	7.43	4.17	thighes	10 cal.
24	c	Timoshy.	7.4	4.19	knees	9 cal.
25	d	Cord. Paul	7.4	4.20	knees	8 cal.
26	g	Policarp.	7.38	4.2	legs	7 cal.
27	f	Quin. Hil.	7.36	4.24	legs	6 cal.
28	G	4 Sun af Ep.	7.34	4.26	legs	5 cal.
29	a	Waler. bish.	7.32	4.28	fees	4 cal.
30	b	Decol. C.R.	7.20	4.31	fees	3 cal.
31	c	Mat. a bish.	7.17	4.22	head	Pridie

February hath xxviii. dayes.

First quarter the 3 day, 11 min. before midnight.

Full moon the 10 day, 58 min. past 4 in the evening.

Last quarter the 18 day, 28 min. past 4 in the morning.

New moon the 26 day, 42 min. past 5 in the morning.

M.	D.	E.	Fixed feasts.	sun rise	sun set	Moons phase.	Latine account
1	d	Widget	7, 25 4, 35			face	Calend.
2	b	Purific. Mary	7, 23 4, 37			neck and	4 No.
3	f	Craft. Purif.	7, 20 4, 40			throat	3 no
4	g	5. Sun. af. Eph.	7, 18 4, 42			armes and	Pridie
5	a	Agatha vte.	7, 16 4, 44			shoulders	Nonas
6	b	Dorothe vte.	7, 13 4, 47			breast and	8 id.
7	c	Angulus	7, 11 4, 49			stomack	7 id.
8	d	Wul bish.	7, 9 4, 51			beare	6 id.
9	e	Octa. Purif.	7, 7 4, 53			heart and	5 id.
10	f	Sal sub pecto.	7, 5 4, 55			back	4 id.
11	g	Septuagesim. n.	7, 3 4, 57			bowels &	3 id.
12	a	Ferm. ends.	7, 1 4, 59			belly	Pridie
13	b	Scholastica	6, 58 5, 2			reines and	Idus
14	c	Valentine	6, 56 5, 4			loynes	16 Cal.
15	d	Julian	6, 54 5, 6			secrets &	15 cal.
16	e	Festivine	6, 52 5, 8			bladder	14 cal.
17	f	Wollicontus	6, 50 5, 10			thighes	13 cal.
18	g	Serigelima	6, 48 5, 12			thighes	12 cal.
19	a	Tabint.	6, 45 5, 15			thighes	11 cal.
20	b	Mildred.	6, 4 5, 17			knees	10 cal.
21	c	70 Matyrs	6, 41 5, 19			knees	9 cal.
22	d	Cathred. Oct.	6, 38 5, 22			legs	8 cal.
23	e	Tinetum.	6, 6 5, 4			legs	7 cal.
24	f	Marias.	6, 34 5, 26			legs	6 cal.
25	g	Shrovesund.	6, 21 5, 29			feet	5 cal.
26	a	24 or more.	6, 29 5, 31			feet	4 cal.
27	b	Agust: 17	6, 27 5, 33			heid and	3 cal.
28	c	Ash-Wedned.	6, 24 5, 36			face	Pridie

March hath xxxij. dayes.

First quarter the 5 day, at 8 in the moruine.

Full moon the 12 day, 59 min. past 4 in the morning.

Last quarter the 20 day, 29 min. after midnight.

New moon the 27 day, 24 min. after 6 in the evening.

1	b	David bish.	6 22 5 38	neck	Calend.
2	i	Chad bish.	6 20 5 40	beek and 6	no.
3	f	Mart & Just	6 18 5 42	throat	5 no.
4		Quadragelism.	6 16 5 44	armes and 4	no.
5	a	Eusebius.	6 13 5 47	shoulders.	3 no.
6	b	Victor & El.	6 11 5 49	breast and	Pridie
7	c	Thom. Aqu.	6 9 5 51	stomack	Noras
8	o	xi martyrs	6 6 5 54	beare and	id.
9	e	Didianus	6 4 5 56	back	7 id.
10	f	Pontius	6 2 5 58	bowels &	6 id.
11		2 sun. in Lent	6 0 6 0	belly	5 id.
12	a	3. in Ascete.	5 58 6 2	reins and	4 id.
13		Theod. mart.	5 56 6 4	loins	3 id.
14	c	Candide	5 54 6 6	secretes	Pridie
15	b	Erigenius.	5 51 6 9	secretes &	Idus
16	e	Gertrude b.	5 49 6 11	bladder	17 Cal.
17	?	Patrick bish.	5 47 6 13	thighes	16 cal.
18		3 sun. in Lene	5 44 6 16	thigges	15 cal.
19	a	Wother bish.	5 42 6 18	knees	14 cal.
20		Cuthbert.	5 40 6 20	knees	13 cal.
21	c	Benedictus	5 38 6 22	kvees	12 cal.
22	b	Stephodessus	5 36 6 24	legs	11 cal.
23	c	Chesdoze.	5 33 6 27	legs	10 cal.
24		Dagpit mar.	5 31 6 29	feet	9 cal.
25		sun. in Lent	5 29 6 31	feet	8 cal.
26	a	Cist. mart.	5 26 6 34	feet	7 cal.
27		Resur. Dom.	5 24 6 36	bead and	6 cal.
28	c	Dorothy b.	5 21 6 38	face	5 cal.
29	b	Eustachius	5 20 6 40	neck and	4 cal.
30	c	Quirinus.	5 18 6 42	throat	3 cal.
31		delm. bish	5 16 6 44	armes and	Pridie

# April hath xxx dayes.

First quarter the 3 day, 9 min. before 3 in the afternoon.  
 Full moon the 10 day, 10 min. before 6 in the evening.  
 Last quarter the 18 day, 10 min. past 3 in the evening.  
 New moon the 26 day 25 min. past 4 in the morning.

		Sun. in Lent	5 14 6 46	shoulders	Calend.
2	a	Mary Eg. 2	5 13 6 48	breast and	4 No.
3	t	Richard bish.	5 10 6 50	stomach	3 no.
4	t	Amphilius	5 8 6 52	hears and	Pridie
5	D	Incent m.	5 6 6 54	back	Nonas
6	c	Egessppus	5 4 6 56	bowels	8 id.
7	t	Das. 7 Ult. g.	5 2 6 58	belly	7 id.
8	G	Palm Sunday.	4 59 7 1	reines	6 id.
9	a	Miseri Dom.	4 37 7 3	reines	5 id.
10	b	Sol sub Taur.	4 55 7 5	laines	4 id.
11	c	Justinius	4 53 7 7	scroats	3 id.
12	D	Maun. Thurs.	4 51 7 9	bladder	Pridie
13	t	Good Friday.	4 49 7 11	thigbes	Idus
14	t	Jubilate	4 47 7 13	thigbes	18 Cal.
15	G	Easter day.	4 45 7 15	thigbes	17 cal.
16	a	Elidore Bi.	4 43 7 18	knees	16 cal.
17	t	Audete bish.	4 40 7 20	knees	15 cal.
18	c	Eustherius.	4 38 7 22	legs	14 cal.
19	D	Alphege	4 36 7 24	legs	13 cal.
20	.	Alizoz	4 24 7 26	legs	12 cal.
21	t	Gantate	4 32 7 28	feen	11 cal.
22	G	Low tunday.	4 30 7 30	feet	10 cal.
23	a	S. George.	4 28 7 32	head and	9 cal.
24	t	Wit tib.	4 26 7 34	face	8 cal.
25	c	Mark Evang.	4 24 7 36	neck and	7 cal.
26	D	Cletus	4 22 7 38	throat	6 cal.
27	c	Manastatius	4 20 7 40	armes and	5 cal.
28	t	Wita's mar.	4 18 7 42	shoulders	4 cal.
29	G	Sun. af. East.	4 16 7 44	breast	3 cal.
30	a	Quind. pasch.	4 14 7 46	stomach	Pridie

# May hath xxxij dayes.

First quarter the 1 day, 21 min: past 8 in the evening.  
 Full moon the 10 day, 19 min: past 9 in the morning  
 Last quarter the 18 day, 15 min: before highnoon.  
 New moon the 25 day, 22 min: past highnoon.

		hil. & jac.	4	12	2	48	hearts and	Calend.	
2	c	Term begins.	4	10	7	59	back	6	No.
3	d	Invent. crux.	4	8	7	52	bowels	5	no.
4	e	christoph.	4	6	7	54	bowels &c	4	no.
5	f	Gothardus	4	4	7	56	belly	3	no.
6	g	3 sun. af. East.	4	3	7	57	reins and		pridie
7	a	Tres Pascha	4	1	7	59	loines		Nonas
8	o	Aspa S. M.	4	0	8	0	secrets and	8	id.
9	c	Gregory bish.	3	58	8	2	bladder	7	id.
10	d	Goldian.	3	57	8	3	thighes	6	id.
11	e	Sol sub Gem.	3	55	8	5	thighes	5	id.
12	f	Pancratius	3	54	8	6	thighes	4	id.
13	g	4 Sun. af. East.	3	52	8	8	knees	3	id.
14	a	Mens. pasch.	3	51	8	9	knees		Pridie
15	d	Ido;em	3	49	8	13	legs		Idus
16	c	Dioscoris mar.	3	47	8	13	legs	12	Cal.
17	d	ira trans.	3	46	8	14	legs	16	cal.
18	e	Rekit. virg.	3	44	8	16	feet	15	cal.
19	o	Dunst com.	3	43	8	17	feet	14	cal.
20	g	Rogation sun.	3	42	8	18	head	13	cal.
21	a	Quing. Pasch.	3	41	8	19	head and	12	cal.
22		Wessderit	3	40	8	20	face	11	cal.
23	c	Parmense	3	39	8	21	neck and	10	cal.
24	d	Ascension day	3	38	8	22	abroat	9	cal.
25	e	Cast. Ascen.	3	37	8	23	armes and	8	cal.
26	i	• ebe	3	36	8	24	frontiers	7	cal.
27	g	6 sun. af. East.	3	35	8	25	breast and	6	cal.
28	a	Term ends.	3	34	8	26	stomach	5	cal.
29	b	Frichemere.	3	33	8	27	heart &c	4	cal.
30	c	Felix bish.	3	32	8	28	back	3	cal.
31	d	Peregr	3	31	8	29	bowels &c		Pridie

June hath xxx dayes.

First quarter the 2 day, 41 min. past 3 in the morning.  
 Full moon the 8 day, 2 min. after 10 at night.  
 Last quarter the 17 day, 44 min. after midnight.  
 New moon the 23 day, 25 min. after 7 in the evening.  
 First quarter the 30 day, 44 min after high noon.

1	s	Alchomede	3 30 8 30	belly	Calend.
2	f	Marcellinus	3 30 8 30	reins and	4 No.
3	o	Whitsunday	3 29 8 31	loins	3 no.
4	a	Petroclus	3 29 8 31	secrete	Pridle
5	b	Boniface.	3 28 8 32	secrets &	Nonas
6	c	Claudius	3 28 8 32	bladder	8 id.
7	d	Wolst. trans.	3 28 8 32	thighes	7 id.
8	e	Medard	3 28 8 32	thighes	6 id.
9	f	Ebm. trans.	3 28 8 32	knees	5 id.
10	o	Trinity Sunday	3 28 8 32	knees	4 id.
11	a	Crast. Tein.	3 27 8 33	legs	3 id.
12	b	Solst. cancro	3 27 8 33	legs	Pridle
13	c	Wish. Bassl.	3 27 8 33	feet	Idus
14	d	Corpus Chri.	3 27 8 33	feet	18 Cal.
15	e	Iesu begins	3 28 8 32	feet	17 cal.
16	f	Weland	3 28 8 32	head and	16 cal.
17	o	1 sun af. Tri.	3 28 8 32	face	15 cal.
18	a	Ost. Trinitat.	3 26 8 32	neck and	14 cal.
19	b	Gervalus	3 28 8 32	throat	13 cal.
20	c	Walburge	3 28 8 32	armes and	12 cal.
21	d	Vibane & b.	3 29 8 31	shoulders	11 cal.
22	e	St. ell. po.	3 29 8 31	breast &	10 cal.
23	f	Eteld. & l.	3 30 8 30	stomach	9 cal.
24	o	John Bapt	3 30 8 0	heart	8 cal.
25	a	Quind. Trialt	3 31 8 29	heart and	7 cal.
26	b	John & Paul	3 32 8 28	buck	6 cal.
27	c	Sleepers	3 32 8 27	bowels &	5 cal.
28	d	St. co Wish.	3 34 8 26	belly	4 cal.
29	e	Pewr. Apostle	3 35 8 35	reins and	3 cal.
30	f	Cm. of Pant	3 36 8 24	loines	Pridle

July hath xxxij dayes.

Full moon the 8 day, 32 min. past 1 in the afternoon.

Last quarter the 16 day, 51 min. before high noon.

New moon the 23 day, 31 min. past 2 in the morning.

First quarter the 30 day, 56 min. past midnight.

					Calend.
1	3	sun. af. Tri.	3 37 3	23	secrets
2	8	1 ries Trinitat.	3 38 8	22	secrets &
3	b	Trans. Tho	3 39 8	21	bladder
4	c	Item ends.	3 40 8	20	Thighes
5	d	God Virgin	3 41 8	19	thighes
6	e	St. S. Peter	3 42 8	18	knees
7	f	Mart. trans.	3 43 8	17	knees
8	g	sun. af. Trin.	3 44 8	16	knees
9	h	Simeon btl	3 46 8	14	legs
10	i	Breth. M	3 47 8	13	legs
11	c	Ben. trans.	3 49 8	11	feet
12	t	Ab. & fei	3 51 8	9	feet
13	e	Sol. sub Leone	3 52 8	8	feet
14	f	Divis. Apo.	3 5 8	6	head and
15	g	sun. af. Trin.	3 55 8	5	face
16	a	Verbum	3 57 8	3	neck and
17	i	Tho. Gran.	3 58 8	2	throat
18	c	Arnulph	4 0 8	0	armes &
19	d	Dog dales beg	4 1 7	59	shoulders
20	e	Margaret b	4 3 7	57	breast and
21	f	Margates b.	4 4 7	51	stomach
22	g	sun af. Tri.	4 6 7	54	heart and
23	a	Pott bish	4 8 7	52	back
24	b	St. hre Anna	4 10 7	50	Bowels
25	c	times April	4 12 7	48	bowels &
26	d	June in ma.	4 14 7	46	belly
27	e	St. Agnes.	4 16 7	44	reines and
28	f	Champf M	4 18 7	42	loines
29	g	7 sun. af. Trin.	4 20 7	40	secrets and
30	a	Mary Mag	4 22 7	38	bladder.
31	b	Germanc b	4 24 7	36	thighes

Calend.

No.

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Pridie

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# August hath xxxij. dayes.

Full moon the 7 day, 55 min. past 4 in the morning.  
 Last quarter the 14 day, 3 min. after 7 in the evening.  
 New moon the 21 day, 47 min. past 10 in the forenoon.  
 First quarter the 28 day, 48 min. past 3 in the afternoon.

					Calend.
1	c	Lammes day	4 26 7 34	thighes	4 No.
2	d	Steeden. W.	4 28 7 32	thighes	5 no.
3	e	Ind. Steph	4 30 7 30	knees	6 idie
4	f	Witturchus	4 32 7 28	knees	7 Nonas
5	g	Sun. af. Tri.	4 34 7 26	legs	8 id.
6	a	Trans. Chr.	4 36 7 24	legs	9 id.
7	b	Donatus b.	4 38 7 22	legs	10 id.
8	c	Syrtach	4 40 7 20	feet	11 id.
9	d	Connanc m.	4 42 7 18	feet	12 id.
10	e	Laurence	4 45 7 15	head and	13 id.
11	f	Ciburt. mar.	4 47 7 13	face	14 id.
12	g	Sun. af. Lit.	4 49 7 11	neck	15 Pr die
13	a	Sol. sub VI.	4 51 7 9	neck and	16 Idus.
14	b	Guschius.	4 53 7 7	throas	17 Cal.
15	c	Stump. W.	4 55 7 5	arms and	18 cal.
16	d	Rocthus ma.	4 57 7 3	Shoulders	19 cal.
17	e	Out. of Augt.	4 59 7 1	breast and	20 cal.
18	f	Helena	5 2 6 58	stomach	21 cal.
19	g	Ro sun. af. Tri.	5 4 6 56	Heats and	22 cal.
20	a	Leopoldick.	5 6 6 54	Back	23 cal.
21	b	Witward.	5 8 6 52	bowels &c	24 cal.
22	c	Out. Stump	5 10 6 50	belly	25 cal.
23	d	Zacharie	5 12 6 48	reines and	26 cal.
24	e	Bartl. Apost.	5 14 6 46	loines	27 cal.
25	f	Ludebrus	5 16 6 44	secretors &c	28 cal.
26	g	Sun. af. Tri.	5 18 6 42	bladder	29 cal.
27	a	Mat. micht.	5 20 6 40	thighes	30 cal.
28	b	Dog dayes end	5 22 6 38	thighes	31 cal.
29	c	St. F. chead	5 24 6 36	thighes	32 cal.
30	d	Felix & An.	5 26 6 34	knees	33 cal.
31	e	Wanting.	5 29 6 31	euers	34 pridie

# September hath xxx. dayes.

Full moon the 5 day, 50 min. past 7 in the evening.

Last quarter the 13 day, 5 min. past 2 in the morning.

New moon the 20 day, 29 min. past 8 in the evening.

First quarter the 27 day, 48 min. past 10 in the forenoon.

1	6	St. Cilleg abbot.	5 8 2 6 : 9	knee	Calend.
2	5	St. sun. af. Tei.	5 3 3 6 2 7	legs	4 No.
3	4	St. Pridie. Oz.	5 3 6 6 2 4	legs.	3 no.
4	3	St. Cr. of Luth.	5 3 8 6 2 2	feet	Pridie
5	2	St. Bertine.	5 4 0 6 2 0	feet	Nonas
6	1	St. Eugen. conf.	5 4 2 6 1 8	head	8 id.
7	0	St. Mat. D. Eliz.	5 4 4 6 1 6	head and	7 id.
8	1	St. Mat. b. Mariz.	5 4 7 6 1 3	face	6 id.
9	2	13 sun. af. Tri.	5 4 9 6 1 1	Neck and	5 id.
10	3	St. Hilarius.	5 5 1 6 9	throse	4 id.
11	4	St. Diacynthus	5 5 4 6 6	armes and	3 id.
12	5	St. Maritan.	5 5 6 6 4	shoulders	pridie
13	6	Sol sub. Libra	5 5 8 6 2	breast and	Idus
14	7	Exaltatio cru	6 0 6 0	stomach	18 Cal.
15	8	St. Mat. of Mary	6 2 5 5 8	heart and	17 cal.
16	9	14 sun. af. Tri.	6 4 5 3 6	back	16 cal.
17	0	St. Lambert.	6 6 5 5 4	bowels &c	15 cal.
18	1	St. Victor coron.	6 9 3 5 1	belly	14 cal.
19	2	St. Januarius	6 1 1 5 4 9	reines	13 cal.
20	3	St. Eustachius	6 1 3 5 4 7	reins and	12 cal.
21	4	St. March. Apost.	6 1 6 5 4 5	leins.	11 cal.
22	5	St. Mauritius	6 1 8 5 4 2	secretes &c	10 cal.
23	6	15 Sun. af. Tri.	6 2 0 5 4 0	bladder	9 cal.
24	7	St. Andocheus.	6 2 2 5 3 8	thighes	8 cal.
25	8	St. Firminne	6 2 4 5 3 6	thighes	7 cal.
26	9	St. Egyptian	6 2 7 5 3 3	knees	6 cal.
27	0	St. Col & Dam	6 2 9 5 3 1	knees	5 cal.
28	1	St. Exuperius	6 3 1 5 1 9	knees	4 cal.
29	2	St. Michael arch.	6 3 4 5 2 6	legs	3 cal.
30	3	16 sun. af. Tri.	6 3 6 5 2 4	legs	pridie

## October hath xxviij dayes.

Full moon the 5 day, 21 min. before high noon.  
 Last quarter the 12 day, 1 min. after 9 in the forenoon.  
 New moon the 29 day, 6 min. past 4 in the morning.  
 First quarter the 27 day, 41 min. past 7 in the morning.

1	a	Bemegius.	6 38 5 22	feet	Calend.
2	b	Leodegaritus	6 41 3 19	feet	6 No
3	c	Candid.mar.	6 43 5 17	feet	5 no.
4	d	Francis con.	6 45 5 15	head and	4 no.
5	e	Wolne ma.	6 48 5 12	face	3 no.
6	i	Faith v. e m	6 52 5 10	neck and	pridie
7	o	17 sun. af. Tri.	6 52 5 8	throat	nonas
8	a	Wack mar.	6 54 5 6	armes and	8 Id.
9	e	Dionissus	6 56 5 4	shoulders	7 id.
10	c	Ger & Ult.	6 58 5 2	breast &	6 id.
11	d	Wurched	7 1 4 59	stomack	5 id.
12	e	Colmannus	7 3 4 57	heart	4 id.
13	i	wolfrid bish.	7 5 4 55	heart and	3 id.
14	o	18 sun af. Tri.	7 7 4 53	back	pridie
15	a	solith Scorp.	7 9 4 51	bowels &	Idus
16	b	Gallius	7 11 4 49	belly	17 cal.
17	c	Ethelred	7 13 4 47	Reines &	16 cal.
18	d	Luke Evang.	7 16 4 44	loins	15 cal.
19	e	Ptolomeus	7 18 4 42	secrets &	14 cal.
20	t	Tres Michael	7 23 4 40	bladder.	13 cal.
21	o	19 sun. af. Tri.	7 23 4 37	thighes	12 cal.
22	a	Mary Hal.	7 25 4 35	thighes	11 cal.
23	b	Term begins	7 27 4 33	thighes	10 cal.
24	c	Maglozie	7 29 4 31	knees	9 cal.
25	d	Crispine	7 32 4 18	knees	8 cal.
26	e	Wmandus	7 34 4 26	legs	7 cal.
27	f	Mens Mich.	7 36 4 24	legs	6 cal.
28	o	Nic & Iude	7 38 4 22	legs	5 cal.
29	a	Marcissus.	7 40 4 20	feet	4 cal.
30	b	Germane	7 41 4 19	feet	3 cal.
31	c	Quintine	7 43 4 17	Head &	pridie

November hath xxx daies.

Full moon the 3 day, 21 min. past 10 at night.

Last quarter the 10 day, 4 min. before 5 in the evening

New moon the 18 day, 3 min. after midnight.

First quarter the 26 day, 32 min. after 4 in the morning

1	b	All Saines.	7	45	4	15	face	Calend.
2	c	Ali soules	7	47	4	13	neck	4 no
3	t	Craft. Anim.	7	49	4	11	neck and	3 no.
4		21 sun. af. Tri.	7	51	4	9	throat	pridie
5	a	Powder Tre.	7	53	4	7	armes and	manas
6		Leonard	7	55	4	5	shoulders	8 id.
7	c	Wulfrido	7	57	4	3	breast &	7 id.
8	D	4 Crowned	7	58	4	2	stomack	6 id.
9	b	Theod. mart.	8	0	4	0	bears and	5 id.
10	t	Triphon	8	1	3	59	back	4 id.
11		24 sun. af. Tri.	8	3	3	57	bowels &	3 id.
12	a	Craft. Mart.	8	5	3	55	belly.	pridie
13	b	Soi sub. Sain.	8	6	3	54	reins and	idus
14	c	Tran. of Cr-	8	8	3	53	loines	18 Cal.
15	d	Macule	8	10	3	50	secrets	17 cal.
16	e	Edm. B. Ca.	8	12	3	48	secrets &	16 cal.
17	f	Hugh bish. N.	8	14	3	46	bladder	15 cal.
18	G	23 sun. af. Tri.	8	15	3	45	thighes	14 cal.
19	a	Octab. Mart.	8	17	3	43	thighes	13 cal.
20	b	2 Edward	8	18	3	42	knees	12 cal.
21	c	Oblat. of xij.	8	19	3	41	knees	11 cal.
22	D	Cecily virg	8	21	3	39	legs	10 cal.
23	e	Clement	8	22	3	38	legs	9 cal.
24	f	Chrysogenus	8	23	3	37	legs	8 cal.
25	G	24 sun. af. Trin	8	24	3	36	feet	7 cal.
26	a	Quind. Mart.	8	25	3	35	feet	6 cal.
27	b	Agricola	8	26	3	34	head	5 cal.
28	c	Term enie.	8	27	3	33	head and	4 cal.
29	D	Saturnin	8	28	3	32	face	3 cal.
30	e	Andrew Apos.	8	29	3	31	neck and	pridie

# December hath xxxij. dayes.

Full moon the 3 day, 16 min. after 10 in the forenoon.  
 Last quarter the 10 day, 30 min. past 4 in the morning.  
 New moon the 17 day, 8 min. past 6 in the evening.  
 First quarter the 25 day, 6 min. after 11 at night.

	Eligius	8 29 3 31	throat	Calend.
1	Advent fund.	8 30 3 30	arms and	4 No
2	Dep. o. Df.	8 30 3 30	shoulders	3 no.
3	Barbara vir.	8 31 3 29	breast and	Pridie
4	Ab. abbot	8 31 3 29	stomach	Nonas
5	Witchaus	8 32 3 28	Heats and	8 Id.
6	Bimb. bimb.	8 32 3 28	back	7 dd.
7	Concept. Mary	8 32 3 28	bowels &	6 Id.
8	Isra. in Adv.	8 32 3 28	belly	7 Id.
9	Euial virg.	8 32 3 28	reins and	4 Id.
10	Damasus	8 32 3 28	loins	3 Id.
11	Sol sub Capri.	8 33 3 27	secretes	Pridie
12	Lugg virg.	8 32 3 28	secrets &	Idus
13	Micahus	8 32 3 28	b'adder	19 Cal.
14	Galetius	8 32 3 28	thighes	18 cal.
15	sun. in Adv.	8 32 3 28	thighes	17 cal.
16	Dionisius	8 32 3 28	knees	16 cal.
17	Lazarus	8 32 3 28	knees	15 cal.
18	Wicor	8 31 3 29	knees	14 cal.
19	Julian mar.	8 31 3 29	legs	13 cal.
20	Theo. Apst.	8 30 3 30	legs	12 cal.
21	Candibus	8 30 3 30	Feet	1 cal.
22	sun. in Adv.	8 29 3 31	feet	10 cal.
23	Wicor. virg.	8 29 3 31	feet	9 cal.
24	Nat. of Christ	8 28 3 32	bead and	8 cal.
25	Stephen	8 27 3 32	face	7 cal.
26	John Evang.	8 26 3 34	neck and	6 cal.
27	Innocentes day	8 25 3 35	throuss	5 cal.
28	Tho. Wocket	8 24 3 36	armes &	4 cal.
29	sun. of Chri.	8 23 3 37	shoulders	3 cal.
30	James trans	8 22 3 38	breast	pridie

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A Prognostication, or an Appendix to the precedent Calendar for this present Year of Grace, 1655.

Wherein you may observe a brief declaration of the several Eclipses of the two Luminaries, visible upon the Superficies of this globe of Mortality; A Chronography of the four Quarters astronomically grounded; A brief Chronology of years; A prediction of the weather by infallible proofs: with many usefull, pleasant, and profitable rules and notes, fit for the observation of Scholars, and others.

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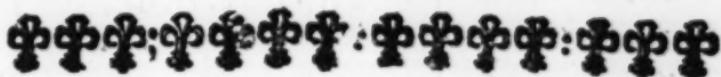
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Repent ye, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand,  
Matt. 3. 2. Sed,  
Heu vivunt homines tanquam mors nulla sequatur,  
Aut velut Infernus fabula vana foret.  
Alas men live as they should never die,  
Or though all speech of Hell were a stark lie.

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## To the Learned and Judicious Reade

**C**ourteous Reader, Having once again adventured my naked Statue on the stage of the world, I desire, if thou find it stragling, to cloath my nakedness with the cloak of thy Countenance, and shelter it a little under the wings of thy worth; and then I care not for the barking of those Bull-dogs which are tyed up fast in the chains of ignorance, nor for the scornfull glance of him that looks awry, but dares not write. I presume I live in a Region, beyond the Vulgars reach, and am moved in a sphere without the circumference of their capacity: I pray thee therefore to look on my labour with a  $\Delta$  aspect, and then let the gens ignara quartilize, look lowring, champ and chew the bit, until their jaws be better season'd. In the interim I desire that the weather beaten barque of my weak deservings may glide within the Mediterranean sea of thy good opinion; So shalt thou oblige me to continue, now and ever,

Thy observant Servant,  
John Vaux.

## To the Reader.

Sunt qui nostra ferunt mensis epulanda cruevis  
Corpora: & humanos absunt dentibus artus.  
Sed

Arbitrii non est nostri, quid quisque loquatur.

**S**uppose before thou read at all,  
( Or else thou read'st amiss,)  
That mighty *Jove* rules great and small,  
And all the world is his.  
He deckt the Skie with fixed Starrs,  
He made the Planets seven,  
And Signes; he hath assigned bounds  
For all things under heaven;  
So that, ne *Saturn*, *Mars*, the *Moon*,  
Nor fickle *Mercury*,  
How so (by aspects ill inclin'd)  
Can work their Injury,  
No further than *Jeboval* will:  
No not our strongest foe,  
*Satan* ( of air the Prince ) one jot  
Beyond his bounds can go:  
Ne yet well-willing *Jupiter*,  
Nor *Sol* benevolent,  
Nor friendly *Venus* ( well-dispos'd )  
Can work to us content,  
Except the Worker of the World,  
( Whose pleasure stands for Law,  
Permit their force to have effect,  
Who holds all under awe.  
Yet this conceive, or else amiss,  
( I judge ) thou art again,  
That nothing under heaven at all  
Created is in vain  
For every Plant some vertue hath,  
No Element ( we see )  
No metal, shrub, nor simple is,  
On earth, but us'd may be.

Much

*To the Reader.*

Much more the Starres celestial,  
And wandring Planets seven,  
A greater vertue needs must have,  
As nearer unto heaven;  
Whose influence, motions, and aspects,  
As in their course they be,  
Doe rule in Creatures here below,  
And bodies (as we see.)  
As for example doth the Sun,  
The seasons of the year;  
And eke the Moon all bodies moist,  
As by the Seas appear.  
No less the rest as strong as those,  
As learned writers show,  
May change the air, and work effects,  
On creatures here below,  
Which happeneth by the change and course  
Of Planets plac'd above,  
By skillfull Art and Reasons good,  
As Astrologians prove.  
But all the glory (to conclude,) . . . .  
To God of right must fall,  
The onely Monarch of the World,  
Who is only all in all.

*Sit soli gloria Deo. Amen.*

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# A Compendious Chronologie of years expired within the Com- pass of this present year, 1655.

<b>A</b>	Condito Mundo <i>juxta Orientalis Ecclesias</i>	Greca
placita		7163
Occidentalis Ecclesiae Romane tradita		6853
Judeorum & Rabbinorum recentium monumenta		5415
<i>Juxta sacras literas &amp; historicos fide digniores</i>		5604
The Sun stood still in <i>Josuah's</i> time		3059
The destruction of the City of <i>Troy</i>		2839
<i>Brute</i> entred this Iland of <i>Britain</i>		2762
The building of the famous City of <i>London</i>		2762
<i>Yorke</i> was built		2621
The building of the (sometimes) famous City of <i>Rome</i>		3046
The Sun returned 10 degrees backward		2343
<i>A Constitutione Anni Juliani</i> 365 dier. hor. 6.	1699	
<i>A Correctione Gregoriana</i> , or Roman Account,		
qua annus 365 dier. 5. hor. 49 min. 12 sec.		
<i>factus est</i>		72
<i>Jerusalem</i> utterly destroyed by <i>Titus Vespasian</i>		1572
The Christian Faith generally received in	<i>England, Scotland, Ireland.</i>	1478
		1452
		1225
<i>Constantine the Great King of Great Britain</i>		1245
The building of <i>Durham Abbey</i>		660
		Duke

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Since

Duke William conquered England	589
The miraculous sinking of Hell-kettles	474
westminster was built	535
The coyning of Durham pence	459
The first Mayor of London	474
The Bible was divided into Chapters	448
The famous battell at Nevill Croffe near Durham	309
Pope urbanus the 4th made a new holiday in honour of the Sacrament, and called it <i>corpus Christi</i> day.	390
The rare Mystery and Art of PRINTING, in Mentz.	215
The Invention of Guns	275
The building of Newton Bridge by walt. Shir-ley	273
Bulloigne was conquered by K. Henry the 8.	138
The Original of the <i>Anabaptists</i>	130
Martin Luther began to oppose the Pope	138
Duke of Saxony with otheis in League protested against the Decree of Ferdinand, and thereupon were called PROTESTANTS	126
The use of Coaches came into England	99
The Royal Exchange by Sir Thomas Gresham	90
The Rebellion of the Earles of Northumberland and westmorland	85
The great Massacre in France	93
Tilbury Camp in Essex upon Saint James his day	67
The great fire in Darlington	69
The great Eclipse of the Sun, ever since called the dark Saturday	58
The Diabolicall Attempt of the Powder Treason	50
The last great Frost	46
The Plantation of Virginia	43

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Since	Smithfield was payed and railed	43
	King James his Progress into Scotland	37
	The birth of Prince Charles	25
	The last great snow.	20
	The beginning of the late Parliament	15
	The Earl of Strafford was beheaded	14
	The battel of Keynton, Octob. 23	13
	The fight at Braunford, Novemb. 12	13
	The Scots came to assist the Parliament	12
	The battel at Newberry	11
	The great battel at Yorke	11
	The fight at Naseby	10
	King Charles was beheaded	7
	The Engagement against Monarchal Government was generally taken throughout this Common-wealth.	4

*U*bi in Calendario singulis fere diebus uniuscujusq[ue] Mensis, Sanctorum ( quos vocant ) nomina apposui, id cō feci, amice Lector, non quod eos omnes pro Divis habeo quorum aliquis ne in bonis quidem duco, aut quod alioquin ( si sanctissimi sint ) iis divinum cūltum atq[ue] honorem tribuendum censeo; sed ut rectārum quarundam rerum ( quarum stata tempora noscere plurimum refert, quarumq[ue] iuguratio nostrus hominibus obesse possit ) quasi notæ quædam sint atq[ue] indicia. Atq[ue] hæc quidem hujus facti & instituti ratio esto.

Note that the year of our Lord God according to the Computation of the Church of England, for the dates of all Evidences, Records, and Writings beginneth the 25 day of March; so that the 24 day of March is the last day of the year 1654.

## Watch and Pray.

The end of all things is at hand,  
 And therefore woe unto the Land  
 That doth not now with speed begin  
 To turn to God, and shake off Sin.  
 For Nation doth 'gainst Nation rise,  
 And fearful signs appear in skies  
 Of that same day that's coming on,  
 which many one least think upon.  
 Defer not therefore, but convert  
 To day, and harden not your heart;  
 Lest that you cry, when time is gone,  
 O Lord that we had not so done!  
 For then the Lord will stop his ear,  
 And your Complaint by no means hear.

YET a very little while, and he that shall come, will come, and will not tarry. Heb. 10,37. Our Saviour hath invited and drawn us for to observe by a certain similitude and parable of a Fig-tree, saying, when his branch is yet tender; and putteth forth leaves, yee know that Summer is nigh: So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things ( viz. Math. 24, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11. ) know that the Kingdom of God is near, even at the doors, Math. 32, 33. The Prophet Isaiyah foretelling the signs that shall be the fore-runners or Harbingers of that dreadfull day, Saith, that The Stars of Heaven, and the constellations thereof shall not give their light, the Sun shall be darkned in his going forth, and the Moon shall not cause her light to shine, Isa. 13. 10. To which agreeth that of St. Math. cap. 24. v. 29, 30. saying, Immediately after the tribulation of those days, shall the Sun be darkned, and the Moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from Heaven, and the powers of Heaven shall be shaken, And then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man, &c. And

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And St. John prophecying of that day, saith, *The Sun was as black as Sackcloath of hair, and the Moon became as blood, Revel. 6, 11.* that is, (as sundry Divines do interpret) *The beauty of the Church shall be defaced, and the light of the Gospel shall be put out.* By which Scriptures it is apparent that the time approacheth, when *as the Heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the Elements shall melt with fervent heat.* If St. Johns age was *hora novissima*, the last hour, then our time is surely the last minute; See what the Heathen Poet saith to the same purpose.

*Igni flagrabit Mundus, signumq; dabunt hæc,  
Enses atq; Tubæ simul, & Sole exidente  
Terribilcm sonitum, mugitumq; audiat omnis  
Mundus, & exuret terram omnem torridus ignis.  
Hinc genus humanum, postquam delerit, & omnes  
urbes & Fluvios exussent atq; profundum,  
Omnia sient hæc mixta fuligine pulvis.*

Orac. l. 4.

In English thus.

These signes the Worlds combustion shall forerun,  
Armes clashing, Trumpets from the rising Sun,  
Most horrid fragors heard by all: this frame  
Of Nature then shall feed the greedy flame;  
Men, Cities, Floods, and Seas, by Rav'ous lust  
Of fire devour'd, all shall resolve to dust.

— *Sic cum compage soluta  
Secula tot mundi suprema coegerit hora,  
Antiquum reptent iterum Chaos omnia, mistis  
Sidera sideribus concurrent: ignea pontum  
Astra petant: tellus extendere littora nollit,  
Excutieq; fretum: fratri contraria Phœbe.  
Ibit, & obliquam bigas agitare per orbem.*

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*Indignata diem poscet sibi, totaq; discors  
Machina divulsi turbabit fædera mundi. Luc. I. 4.*

The aged World dissolved by the last  
And fatal hour shall to old Chaos haft,  
Stars justling stars shall in the deep confound  
Their radiant fires : The land shall give no bound  
To swallowing Seas : The Moon shall cross the Sun,  
With scorn that her swift Wheels obliquely run,  
Days thronè aspiring : Discord then shall rend,  
The worlds crack'd frame, and Natures concord end.

Wherefore seeing that all things must be dissolved,  
and that the signs forewarning us of our last day are  
continually in our sight, and that the prophetical  
Scriptures are perfectly accomplished, so that in all  
probability the sixth day of the Worlds week is near  
expired, I will conclude as I began, Watch and  
Pray.

*O Lord at our last dreadfull day ,  
Accept thy Christ for us we pray ,  
who did for us fulfill thy Law ,  
which none but he could doe we know ;  
And for our Sins did suffer death ,  
His merits Lord to us bequeath ,  
And grant us pardon hence for aye ,  
That we with him may rest alway .  
AMEN say thou , O heavenly King ,  
And we shall Alleluja sing .*

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## A Prognostication,

### Of Eclipses.

Two Eclipses of the Sun may this year be observed upon the Superficies of this Globe of Mortality, the one whereof about the beginning of the year, the latter after the middle. The first of these in some part visible in our Horizon will happen upon Saturday the 27 day of January

The beginning thereof, (according to Eichstadius)	
will be	b. 2. m. 18. Sec. 57
The middle or greatest observation.	b. 2. m. 53. Sec. 37
The end thereof at	b. 3 m. 28. Sec. 17
The total duration	b. 1. m. 9. Sec. 20
The digits eclipsed	1. dig. 16. m. 55. Sec.

In France, Italy, Spain, and the fortunate Islands, &c. this Eclipse will be much more conspicuous then with us; The other I forbear to mention because not visible in our Hemisphere. *Luna nunquam quicquam hoc in anno obscurabitur.*

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### The Suns entrance into the four Cardinal signes of the Zodiaque.

After that God ( for the Sin of Man ) had brought a deluge upon the face of the whole Earth, and so destroyed it, he said, *Hereafter Seed-time, and Harvest, and Cold, and Heat, and Summer, and winter, and Day, and Night, shall not cease so long as the Earth remaineth.* Gen. 8. 2.

## Of the Spring.

**A**equinoctium vernal, or the pleasant season of Spring, whose return revives each vegetable, hath his beginning the tenth day of March, at one of the clock, and 58 min. in the afternoon, for then the resplendent Sun hath mounted from the Winter Solstice to the *Æquinoctial Line*, or the first scruple of *Aries*, at which time the day and night are of an equal length throughout the whole world:

Apollo now rids equally between  
 The worlds two Poles, and is as long time seen,  
 Within our Hemisphere ere that he leave us,  
 As in the other half world which is beneath us:  
 And mounting higher doth again revive  
 Things sensible as well as vegetive.  
 Man cheerfully trips o're th' enameld fields,  
 Which many sweet delights unto him yeilds;  
 There growe all Flowers to the Eye or Sent,  
 The which ( almost ) might give the Soul content,  
 Sweet Harmonies that please the dainty ear,  
 Melodious birds are chanting every where,  
 So shrill proceeds the Musick from their throats.  
 Rocks ring the Echoes of their well-tun'd notes.

This Quarter continueth until the 11 of June, at which time the Sun entreth the Summer Solstice, having run through these 3 signes *V* *S* and *II*.

## Of Summer.

**S**olstitium aestival, or the Summer quarter, according to Astronomy hath his beginning when as that trans-

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transparent Lamp of light ( the Sun ) hath almost mounted to our Zenith, entring the first min. of the Tropical Sign *Cancer*, which is the Aestival Solstice, and is then in his greatest declination towards the North from the Aequinoctial, being then the longest day and shortest night in the year, and i the 21 of June at 5 of the Clock in the afternoon, and 8 minutes after.

*Now do the fields with bearded grain wax white,  
And Husbandmen o'r-joy'd to see that sight.  
Up sluggards, sleep not, make ye hast to bay,  
whilst Titan heateth, work without delay :  
For carefull Husbands that intend to thrive,  
Must ( like the Bee ) bring honey to the hive.*

This Quarter continueth until *Phæbus* hath in his Majesty rid through these Summer signes,  $\textcircled{G}$ ,  $\textcircled{A}$ , and  $\textcircled{M}$ , ending when *Titan* hath entred the first degree of  $\textcircled{C}$ .

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## Of Autumn.

**T**He Autumnal Aequinoctial Quarter hath his beginning the 13 day of September, 9 minutes before 8 of the Clock in the morning, for then the magnificent Charetter *Apollo* enters the first scruple of  $\textcircled{C}$ , making the day and night again of an equal length, producing the second Aequinoctial.

*No subcelestial things have permanence,  
All things decay, compos'd of Elements :  
How curiously of late was Tellus Crest  
with various colonys by sweet Flora dress ?*

As Roses, Lillies, Gilly-flowers, and Daſſies,  
 with Hony-fuckles, and with yellow Craifes,  
 with millions more, which I cannot repeat,  
 Such as by no means Art can counterfeit.  
 But all those dresses wrought by Natures hand  
 Are now cut off, and may no longer stand ;  
 The ample Fields are of their grain bereft,  
 On Trees no fruit, nor leaves, at all are left :  
 Meadows are rob'd of what delights them moſt,  
 Narcißus ſoul, and Hiacinthus ghost.  
 The Earth doth grieve, because ſhe muſt intomb  
 The ſeed ſhe bare, again within her womb.

This Quarter indureth until the day-guide, Phœbus,  
 hath paſt ☲, ☳, and ☷.

### Of Winter.

**Solſtitium Hyemale**, the ſtay of the Sun in the Winter,  
 For our Winter quarter, according to Astronomy, be-  
 ginneth the 22 day of December, 41 min. after 7 of the  
 Clock at night, at which time the Sun entreth into  
 the firſt ſcrupule of Capricorn, continuing until the  
 Sun hath paſt through the Tropical ſign ☹, and in  
 like manner through ☻, and ☷.

Above the Horizon the Sun ſcarce peeps,  
 But preſently in th' Ocean he ſteeps  
 His fiery ſteeds ; Thetis ſo long detains him,  
 Aurora jealous grows ere that ſhe gains him.  
 Through his long abſence the wet Element  
 Congeals to Ice ; the Clouds which rain down ſent,  
 Drop flakes like wool ; ſo that unto our ſight,  
 Brooks, Woods, and Fields, are all dy'd perfect white ;

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Come genile Spring, and let thy power be seen,  
And blot out white, and write it all in green;  
And Titan mount, let not dim Phœbe shine  
Longer than thou, Lord of th' Ecliptick like.

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### De quatuor Anni tempestatibus, Terrastricha.

Vere *Venus* gaudet florentibus aurea fertus.  
Decrescunt celeres Aëtivis ignibus amnes.  
Vitibus Autumnus turgenteis detrahit uas.  
Trifis *Hyems* monteis nivis velamine vestit.

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### Of meer Politick Customs of the Jews, and first of their Civil times.

**T**He day at the first was called a natural day, beginning at the Sun-setting, containing 24 hours. In which day I smote *Egypt*, Numb. 8. 17. Yet in *Exodus* it is expressly said, That they were killed in the night. Exod. 11. 4.

The artificial day was from the Sun-rising to the Sun-setting, why sit ye here all the day long, from morning til night? Exod 8. 14. So in Jo. 11. 9. Are there not 12 hours in the day? that is, from the Sun-rising to the Sun-setting.

The day natural was divided into 4 Quadrants, or Parts, or Watches. The first from the Sun-setting til Midnight. The second from Midnight to the Sun rising. The third from the Sun-rising til the midst of the day, when the Sun is said to be in his strength. The fourth to the Sun-setting.

The artificial day was divided into 4 parts. The first from the Twilight til the third hour. The second to the sixth. The third to the ninth hour. And the fourth til night.

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The Hebrews divided their night into 3 Watches, and every Watch had 4 hours. The first, from the beginning of the night til the fourth hour, this was called *Caput Vigiliarum*, the beginning of the Watch, *Lam. 2. 19.* The second, *media Vigilia*, the middle Watch, *Judg. 7. 19.* The third, *Vigilia matutina*, the morning Watch, *Exod. 14. 14.*

The Romans divided the night into 4 Watches, and every Watch had 3 hours.

This Division of the day ( by the Jews ) lasted until the Captivity, where they learned the division of the day into hours, *Matt. 11. 24.*

An hour is either Simple or Compound,

A Compound is the fourth part of a natural day, which hath 4 Quadrants, and every one of these Quadrants, hath 3 Simple hours, and takes the denomination from the last of the 3 hours.

The 1 Quadrant is from the Sun-rising to the third hour, and it is called the third hour.

The 2 is from the third to the sixth, and it is called the sixth hour.

The 3 Quadrant is from the sixth to the ninth, and it is called the ninth hour.

The last Quadrant is from the ninth to the Sun-set, and is called the last hour.

So Mark and Luke are to be reconciled, *Mar. 15. 28.* And it was about the third hour when he was crucified. *Luke 23. 44.* And it was about the sixth hour when he was crucified: that is, when the third hour was ended, and the sixth hour beginning, and not finished.

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*Of their Moneths.*

**T**Heir moneths consisted of full 30 dayes at the first, before the Children of Israel came out of

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Egypt, they followed the Egyptians and Chaldeans, reckoning their moneths according to the course of the Sun, and their moneths were full thirty dayes, as may be gathered out of *Genesis* 8. 4, 6, 13, 14. The Floud began to wax the seventh day of the second moneth, and it began to decrease upon the seventh day of the seventh moneth; now from the seventh day of the second moneth, till the seventh day of the seventh moneth, are reckoned by the Scriptures 150 dayes, and maketh 6 moneths. So after they came out of Egypt, their moneths were also 30 dayes, *Num. 11. 19.* *Ye shall not eat one day, neither five dayes, neither ten dayes, but even a whole moneth:* where we may see that he goeth by gradation, from 1, 5, 10, and so to 20 and 30.

To expresse that the moneths had 30 dayes, *Cleobulus* propounded this Riddle, of a Father that had 12 Sons, and every Son had 30 Children.

*One Father bath twelve Sons, and every brother  
His thirty Children bath, nor one like th' other,  
They partly black, and partly white are they,  
Still deathless, and yet dying every day.*

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*Of the Antiquity of our Nation, together with  
a reason why we call our weekly dayes by  
the names of Sunday, Monday,  
Tuesday, &c.*

**I**F this our Island were once a Continent to France, as *Verstegan* proverth, then I do suppose the most antient name thereof was *Samothea*: afterwards being made an Island by the Sea eating through that little

little Isthmus, or neck of Land between Dover and Calice, it was called Albion, from Albion a Son of Neptune; by whom, and whose posterity, it was inhabited, until Brute made conquest of it. This Brute was not of the Trojan bloud, but was first a King of a people called Rutili, who being driven from thence (together with his Son Turnus) by Aeneas Prince of Troy, came into France, where they built the City Tours; as I find it reported by Alstedius, in his Chronologie of antient Cities. From thence he came into Albion, and vanquishing the old Inhabitants thereof, he called it (according to his own name) Britannia, or Britain. Afterwards it came to be invaded by the Saxons, who came and took possession of Logria, the best part of Britain, leaving unto it the name of England, which unto this day, with daily increase of honour, it still enjoyeth: this was in the year of our Lord 447, and in the second year of King Vortiger. These Saxons were merely and originally a people of Germany, as Verstegan again declarereth: So that the English-men issued from the noble Nation of the Germans, or from the Saxons comming thence. Howbeit the whole Country was not generally called England, until the Heptarchy (or seven petty Kingdoms of the Saxons) was brought into a Monarchy by Egbert King of the west-Saxons, which happened about the year of our Lord 800.

It is also seen, that the antient Tentonick or German tongue, is the very ground of our English speech, although it be mixed now with many borrowed words out of other Languages. And as true also it is, that the names of our weekly dayes are no other than what those antient Saxons used. For being at the first Heathens, they had many Idols, which they worshipped; and among the rest, they appropriated seven to the seven dayes of the Week, The

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first was the Idol of the Sun, which had a day belonging to it, and this they called *Sunday*, which is as much as to say, the Suns day. The second was the Idol of the Moon, whereof we yet retain the name of *Munday*, instead of *Moonday*. The third was the Idol of *Tuifco*, the most antient peculiar God of all the *Germans*, and from this *Tuifco* we retain the name of *Tuesday*, or (as we now pronounce it) *Tuesday*. The fourth was the Idol *woden*, whom they reputed as their God of Warr: he was sometime a valiant Captain among them, and from hence came the name of *wodensday*; which through tract of time is now called *wedensday*. The next was their Idol *Thor*, and of the weekly day which was dedicated to his peculiar service, we yet retain the name of *Thursdays*, which amongst the *Danes* and *Swedes* is called *Thuisday*. The sixth was the Idol of their Goddess *Friga*, from whence came the name of *Friday*. The seventh and last of this number was their Idol *Seater*, unto whom the day dedicated came to be called *Saturday*: and thus came the dayes of the week to have their several names. And note, that although I gave notice formerly concerning *Egbert*, that he was the first Monarch among the *Saxons*, by reducing the *Heptarchy* into a Monarchy, yet all the seven Kingdoms were not then under him, for he subdued only the chief of them: and not till *Alured* were all united. This *Alured* left unto the *Danes*, Possession, but not Sovereignty, in *Northumberland*: he began to reign in the year 878, and divided *England* into Shires. After this, in the days of *Etheldred*, the *Danes* attempted once again to recover their Sovereignty, and put the Land to a great Tribute; but in the year of our Lord 1012, on *S. Bricties* day at night, they were murdered in their Beds: which being done, *Swain* King of *Denmark* came with a Navy of 350 Sail into *England*, and caused *Etheldred*

to forsake his Kingdom, leaving both it and his Subjects to the mercy of the Danes. But in the year 1045. the *Saxons* were reinthroned in *Edward the Confessour*, who was the first among the Kings of *England*, that had power to cure the iwelling of the Throat, called by us the *Kings Evil*. After this in the dayes of *Harald*, came in the *Normans*, in the year of Christ 1066. whose first King was *William the Conquerour*, the second *William Rufus*, the third *Henry the First*, the next *Stephen*: But in *Henry the Second*, the *Saxon* line was again restored. This continued till *Henry the Seventh*, who did not only unite the two houses of *York* and *Lancaster* together, but also the *Saxon* and the *British* bloud: for he married *Elizabeth*, Daughter and Heir to *Edward the Fourth*, and was also extracted from the *British* Royal bloud, as being Son to *Edmond Tudor Earl of Richmond*, who was Son to *Owen Tudor*, whose lineal descent was from *Cadwallader* the last *British* King. And from *Margaret* the eldest Daughter of the said *Henry*, (who was married into *Scotland*) came King *James*, in whom the two Kingdome of *England* and *Scotland* were united. *But no more of this.*

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*Memorable things worthy of Observation  
in the County of Durham.*

**T**hings of rare note observed in this County, are three Pits of a wonderfull depth, commonly called the *Hell-Kettles*, which are adjoyning near unto *Darlington*, whose watets are somewhat warm. These are thought to come of an *Earthquake*, which happened in the year of Grace, 1179. where-

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of the Chronicle of Tinmouth maketh mention, whose  
Record is this.

On Christmass day at Oxen-hall in the territories of Darlington, within the county of Durham, the ground heaved aloft like unto a Tower, and so continued all that day as it were unmoveable, until the Evening, and then fell with so horrible a noise, that it made the Neighbour-dwellers sore afraid, and the Earth swallowed it up, & made in the same place three deep pits, which are there to be seen for a testimony unto this day.

Of no lessie admiration are certain stones lying within the River weere at Butterbee near Durham, from whose sides at the ebb and low water in the Summer, issueth a certain salt reddish water, which with the Sun waxeth white, and growing into a thick substance, becommeth a necessary Salt to the use of the by-dwellers.

Comitatus hic ad Septentrionem à Northumbria Dventione fluvio dividitur, ad Occidentem, Cumbriam, et Westmerlandiam attingit: ad ortum Oceano Germanico pulsatur. Ambitus illius CIII. mil. pass. complectitur, trianguli ferè forma. Oppida habet VI. Ecclesiæ CXVIII.

Metropolis Dunelmus, vulgo Durham, situ editiori & munitissimo, spatio tamen non magno, Ovali quodammodo forma, wyro flumine ab omni præterquam à Septentrione circumfunditur, & mænibus firmatur: Ad Australēm p̄ item Cathedralis Ecclesiæ surgit turre conspicus: in medio imponitur Castrum, quodammodo intermedium inter duos pontes è saxo, quibus fluvius hinc ad ortum, illinc ad occasum conjungitur, habet & sua suburbia cum singulia Ecclesiis.

Cetera oppida sunt Bernard-Castle, Stayndrop, Darlington, Hartlepoole, Emporium celebre situ percommodum & statione fida. Awickland editiori tumulo impositum, ubi nuperrimi pulcherrimæ Episcopi ades, & insignis pons visitur.

Aer hujus Comitatus est valde acris & penetrans: solum varium; Orientalis pars Campestris, Australis montosa, versus occidentem petrosum est solum: re pecuaria tamen & carbone fossili incolis quæstuosum.

Places of elder time had in account by the Romans were *Benovium*, now *Binchester*; and *Condercum* *Chester* in the street, where their monies have been digged up, and at *Condercum* so much, that *Egelrick*, Bishop of *Durham*, was therewith made exceeding rich.

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*Predictions of the Weather by infallible proofs.*

**A**lthough I purposed, and partly promised, to write of the disposition and inclination of the Weather, yet in regard I find that custom not so current, I commend to your Christian consideration the Words of the Almighty Prophets, lest prejudging of my self, I should be counted a Moon- Prophet: Thus saith the Lord thy Redeemer, and he that formed thee from the Womb; *I am the Lord that maketh all things, that stretcheth out the Heavens alone, that spreadeth out the Earth by myself: That frustrateth the tokens of the Lyers, and maketh Diviners mad, that turneth wiscmen backward, and maketh their knowledge foolish.* *Isaith 44. 24, 25.*

Wherefore take this Warrant for the Weather.

The Pleiades or seven Stars brings Rain, and Orion drought, *Job. 38.*

The North Wind blowing foresheweth cold, *Job. 37. 9.*

The Southwind or heat in Summer prognosticateth Whirl-wind, *Job. 37. 9.*

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- The Wind coming North after Rain is a Token of fair Weather, *Prov. 25. 23.*
- The Sky being red in the Evening is a sign of fair weather, *Matth. 16. 2.*
- The Sky being red in the Morning early signifieth a Tempest at hand, *Matth. 16. 3.*
- The Southwind blowing betokeneth heat, *Luke 12. 5.*
- The Clouds arising out of the West are Arguments of Rain, *Luke 12. 54.* These predictions none can deny, because they are founded on the Starmakers Writ.

*Vero nihil verius.*

### The Conclusion.

*O that our eyes were fountains of sad tears,  
Or that our sighs may fly and mount the speares,  
Or that our true repentance were ascended,  
To pacifie Gods wrath on us extended.  
Lord in thy mercy sheath thy vengfull Sword,  
And give free passage to thy sacred word :  
Thou art the God of Peace : Oh grant that we  
May through our Saviours Blood have Peace  
[with thee]*

*All Glory be to God alone,  
In persons three, and God but one.*

**FINIS.**